

HOUSE No. 2889

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia and John W. Scibak for legislation to require the Division of Medical Assistance to reimburse hospitals for the costs of psychiatric patients on medical units. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO REIMBURSE
HOSPITALS FOR THE COSTS OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS ON MEDICAL
UNITS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 The Division of Medical Assistance shall ensure that in cases
- 2 where mentally ill patients are hospitalized on medical units, that
- 3 the hospital shall be reimbursed for services provided at the Divi-
- 4 sion's standardized payment amount per discharge rate.